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DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are formulating any scheme to encourage the development of rural electrification technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States proposed to be included in the scheme in first instance; and

(d) the amount being provided for the implementation of this scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) to (c) : In order to utilize various technology in providing for an affordable solution in making electricity available in rural areas Rural Electricity SupplyTechnology (REST) Mission under the auspices of Ministry of Power has beenconstituted. The Mission would evolve strategy based on technology which could provide for low cost power generation and low cost of delivery in the rural areas which can be managed by local institutions like Village Panchayats or Non-GovernmentOrganizations and to identify feasible size of generating units for different fuels, which are available locally and for mini and micro hydel projects. All the States will be covered under the REST Mission.

(d) : For the year 2003-04 a budgetary provision of Rs.5 crores has been provided.